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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:
EDWARD J. SHOEN, et al.

Serial No. 10/083,726

Filed: October 19, 2001

For: AN ONLINE MARKETPLACE FOR
MOVING AND RELOCATION
SERVICES

Group Art Unit: 3627

Examiner: Not yet assigned

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CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING RESUBMISSION OF
PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR §1.102

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The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Attention: Director of Technology Group 3600
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Previously, on October 19, 2001, Applicants submitted a Petition to Make Special ("Petition") for the above-identified application, which included an authorization to charge the payment of the fee required to Deposit Account 10-0440. Attached is a copy of a return postcard with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("PTO") mailroom date stamp showing receipt of the Petition by the PTO on October 19, 2001. Also attached is a copy of

Express Mail slip EL567076490US, postmarked October 19, 2001.

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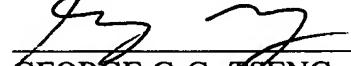
However, Applicants recently contacted Leslie Wong at Exam Group 2165 and were informed that the Petition was never "received" and that no action was ever taken on the Petition. Applicants were further informed that they should resubmit the Petition, which would then be immediately acted upon.

Thus, Applicants hereby enclose a Petition, dated October, 19, 2001, for resubmission. A check in the amount of \$130.00 is also enclosed for payment of the filing fee for the Petition, which was never deducted from our Deposit Account. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional amounts due in connection with this matter to our Deposit Account No. 10-0440. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Petition be accepted for resubmission.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: December 30, 2002



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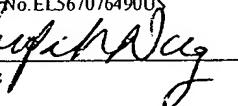
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The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions to make the above-referenced application special under 37 CFR §1.102.

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Applicants respectfully submit that all claims pending in the above-referenced application are directed to a single invention.

A pre-examination search was made by applicant's attorneys. The field of search comprised all classes. One copy of each of the following references, deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the present claims, is submitted herewith by an accompanying Information Disclosure Statement. In addition, the applicants have a good knowledge of the pertinent prior art and have provided references deemed related to the subject matter encompassed by the present claims.

1. U.S. Patent No. 5,897,620 to Walker et al.

Walker describes a system for selling an unspecified-time airline ticket for a purchased seat on an unspecified flight for a traveler-specified itinerary. Passengers can obtain reduced airfares in return for flight-time flexibility and, in return, permits airlines to fill seats that would have otherwise gone unbooked. The system permits airlines to fill otherwise empty seats in a manner that stimulates leisure travel demand while leaving the airlines underlying fare structures intact. However, Walker does not teach a marketplace where users can go to obtain a service according to their requirements and parameters.

2. U.S. Patent No. 5,794,207 to Walker et al.

Walker teaches a method and apparatus for a bilateral buyer-driven commerce system. A prospective buyer of goods or services communicates a binding purchase offer globally to potential sellers and sellers search for relevant buyer purchase offers. When a seller finds an offer from a buyer, the seller can potentially bind the buyer to a contract based on the buyer's purchase offer. The buyer puts out an offer which, if accepted, without prior notification to the buyer, is binding on the buyer if the seller accepts the offer.

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Walker does not teach a marketplace in which a customer searches for a relevant service, browses ratings and previous customer feedback of a particular vendor, and selects a vendor based on the customer's parameters and requirements of the service needed.

3. PCT Application No. WO 01/15050 A1 filed by ELANCE, Inc.

Elance describes a method for buying and selling services online that includes a process for custom services, a commodity process and a collaborative workspace on a website. The site teaches the posting by a buyer of a service having specific criteria, the bidding by a seller to perform the service, and the selection of a seller by the buyer. Elance does not teach a customer entering an online marketplace to search for a service by browsing a listing of vendors providing the service, selecting a vendor, and pre-paying for the service where the payment is held in an escrow account by the host of the marketplace.

4. Internet Web Site: www.moving.com

The web site www.moving.com offers moving services and goods. A user can view informational content on vendors of moving services and goods. The site does not enable a user to complete a transaction with the vendor and only basic contact information and rates are displayed to the user. The site does not teach a customer viewing subjective information such as previous customer feedback and ratings of vendors and does not teach completing a transaction with a vendor, which can include pre-paying for the service in the marketplace and having the host arrange for escrow services.

5. Internet Web Site: www.move.com

The web site www.move.com offers informational content on moving and relocating. A user can view tips and advice on moving and relocating to a new area. The site does not allow users to complete transactions for moving services and does not provide

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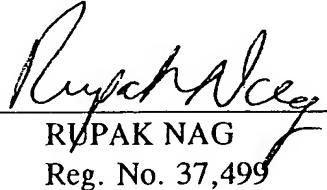
listings of vendors showing subjective information about the vendor from previous customers.

Copies of each of the references and publications listed are provided with an Information Disclosure Statement accompanying this Petition and Application and are thereby made of record.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the payment of the fee required to Deposit Account No. 10-0440. A duplicate copy of the Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: October 19, 2001


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